

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!
CONSORTIUM BOARD
AUGUST 27, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rose Marie McQuaid
Raymond Bartels
Richard Byrne
Ann Doyle
Eddie Foxx

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Graham
Eugene Gwizdala
Ernie Krygier
Carl Ruth
Howard Schoenherr
Robert Woods. Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Basil
Thomas Hickner

MWA STAFF

Ed Oberski
Ray Ogden
Rose Onan
Ken Kurecka

GUESTS

Jim Leighb, Midland County Commissioner, CB alternate
Lynette Collins, Delta Corporate
Olga Pilar, Arnold Center
Carol Dwan, Bangor Township Schools

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

Rose Marie McQuaid, Consortium Board Chairperson, called the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Midland Michigan Works! Service Center, McQuaid Room, 1409 Washington, Midland, Michigan.

ITEM #2: ROLL CALL

The above members were present.

ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carl Ruth moved, supported by Eugene Gwizdala:

To approve the agenda.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #4: CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

Richard Byrne moved; supported by Eugene Gwizdala:

To approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board minutes dated June 25, 2007.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #5: AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The audience introduced themselves. It was noted that Jim Leighb, Midland County Commissioner and Consortium Board alternate was present. .

ITEM #6: INTRODUCTIONS

Ken Kurecka, was introduced as the new Michigan Works! Assistant Director.

ITEM#7: COMMUNICATIONS

- A. June 5, 2007 Workforce Development Board meeting minutes

The Board reviewed the June 5, 2007 Workforce Development Board minutes.

- B. DLEG Labor Market Information Report for May, 2007

The Board reviewed the DLEG Labor Market Information Report for May, 2007.

- C. Press release regarding Delta Corporate Services' selection as one of the nation's top 20 providers of business training solutions.

The Board reviewed the Press release regarding Delta Corporate Services' selection as one of the nation's top 20 providers of business training solutions.

Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Ray Bartels:

To receive and file Items 7-A, 7-B & 7-C.

Motion carried by voice vote.

ITEM#8: REPORTS

- A. Fiscal Report

The Board reviewed the May 2007 fiscal reports.

- B. Program Report

- a. General Program

The Board reviewed the monthly Work First, Employment Service, and WIA performance reports.

- b. Friend of the Court Referral Program

The Board reviewed the monthly Friend of The Court reports.

- B. Director's Report

Director Oberski referred the Consortium Board to his emails regarding No Worker Left Behind. A request has been submitted to the State of Michigan for \$580,000 in additional NWLB funds to meet the need for current trainees to cover in initial waiting

list. A verbal response has been received; funding may be available after October 1.

The Regional Skills Health care has received a \$90,000 extension/expansion to continue and expand services.

Beginning October 1, 2007, Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! will be the fiscal agent for the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative (MPRI). It is taking over from the current fiscal agent for services in Saginaw County, and expanding into Bay and Midland Counties. The transition period may be difficult due to uncertainty in funding. We expect funding for October 2007 – September 2008 to be approximately \$850,000. Chairperson McQuaid expressed her concern that Midland County residents should come back and live in Midland County, not in other areas. Bay County members expressed the same concern. Administration will keep the Board informed regarding progress of the MPRI transition and expansion.

It was noted that the Annual Meeting will be held on October 8, 2007; 3:30 pm at Apple Mountain's Resort & Hotel. Dinner will be provided for each member and their guest.

Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Richard Byrne:

To receive and file Items 8-A, 8-B-1, 8-B-2 & 8-C.

Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Powerpoint presentation: Update on Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Work First/Jobs Education & Training (JET) Programs

Ken Kurecka gave a presentation on the Work First/Jobs Education & Training (JET) Programs.

ITEM #9: ACTION ITEMS

- A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD ACTION REGARDING A NEW SERVICE CENTER IN SAGINAW**

The Board reviewed the Workforce Development action that accepted the recommended proposal with New Covenant, Inc. for the new service center in Saginaw and proceed with construction.

- B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW WDB ACTION REGARDING A BUDGET AMENDMENT MOVING FUNDING FROM INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING TO BST MANAGER AND TO PROGRAM SERVICES**

The Board reviewed WDB action that approved the budget amendment to move funding from Incumbent Worker Training to BST Manager and to program services.

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW WDB ACTION TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO MICHIGAN WORKS! ADMINISTRATION TO APPROVE SMALL INCUMBENT WORKER CONTRACTS

The Board reviewed WDB action that granted authority to the Michigan Works! Administration to approve small Incumbent Worker contracts.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW WDB ACTION REGARDING VARIOUS PLAN APPROVALS

The Board reviewed WDB action regarding various plan approvals: Workforce Investment Act Incumbent Worker Training, Disability Program Navigator Initiative and No Worker Left Behind.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW WDB ENDORSEMENT OF THE NOMINATION OF WDB MEMBER DAVE HERRALA TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE STATEWIDE MICHIGAN WORKS! ASSOCIATION.

The Board reviewed WDB action that endorsed the nomination of WDB member Dave Herrala to the Board of Directors for the statewide Michigan Works! Association.

To receive and file Items 9-A through 9-E.

Motion carried by voice vote.

ITEM #10: ADJOURNMENT

Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by : Raymond Bartels:

To adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote.